THE WORLD'S MARKETS

WEARY TONE IN CHICK MARKET

Demand Slow Just Now and Accumulated Supplies Cause Low Price.

TODAY'S WHOLESALE MARKETS.
Chicken market in bad shape.
Eggs will not stand advance.
Potatoes quoted firmer.
Onion situation is steady.
Cauliflower is very scarce.
Oranges are selling better.
Dressed veal hard to get.
Still offer hops freely.

Chicken Market Looks Bad.

The top price today for chickens along Front street is 11c a pound for the live birds. Even at this price the trade is meeting with considerable difficulty in getting rid of the accumulations and stocks continue to pile up in front of the various houses. The trade has been forced in some instances to send supplies to the north in order to somewhat relieve the congestion, for if all that came were to remain here there is no doubt that the market would touch the lowest price in years within the next few days.

Turkeys Are Beginning to Come.

During the past 24 hours there has been a notable increase in the number of arrivals in the turkey market. Dressed stock is beginning to appear and demand is showing signs of awakening. The price of the best dressed stock at present stands at 22½c a pound, and the market will likely remain close to this figure until after Christmas. There is still a mystery as to probable supplies—all sorts of guesses being made but none are in a position to state positively.

Eggs Will Not Stand Advance.

While some dealers put their price of local ranch eggs up to 42½c a dozen yesterday, the general condition of the trade will scarcely admit of this price being paid. Most of the sales during the past 24 hours were around 40c a dozen, and one large grocery house is said to have been offering as low as 37½c. However, this is not the general state of the market.

Harder to Get Dressed Veal.

Butchers are finding it much more difficult to obtain what supplies of dressed veal they need. Along Front street the arrivals are very small and prices are ruling stiff close to the top. Ten cents is the general figure for select quality of light veal, but once in awhile a transaction is reported a fraction lower than this. Dressed hogs are coming slightly better, but the demand is still better than supplies and the market is firmer.

Still Offering Hops Freely.

Hopgrowers continue to press their supplies upon the market, and for that reason there is considerable weakness in the present situation. Sales generally reported are still around 5 and 5½c and 6c a pound is an exception and must call for some good quality.

Cauliflower Is Very Scarce.

There is a great scarcity of cauliflower in the local market and the price for any sort of stock is today firm at $1 a dozen. Even at this figure the demand is several times as great as the arrivals.

Recent arrivals of oranges from the south show considerable improvement in color and for that reason the outward movement is improving.

Cabbage market remains quite steady at former values.

Potatoes Quoted Firmer.

Local potato market is quoted firmer with the south still nibbling for supplies. As yet the price in San Francisco has not advanced to a sufficient height to admit of shipments in that direction from here, but growers are generally elated over the better showing of the trade and for that reason are not offering so freely as a short time ago.

The tendency among onion growers is to follow the lead of the potato men, and they are now holding back the bulk of their supplies of keeping quality.

Front street sells at the following prices. Those paid shippers are less regular commissions:

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER—Extra creamery, 37c; fancy 32½@35c; store, 20c.

BUTTER FAT—Delivery f. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 35½c; sour, 33½c per lb.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 10½11c; hens, 11c; roosters, old, 10c; fryers, 11c; broilers, 14@14½c; geese, 9@10c; turkeys, alive, 17½@19c; dressed, 20@22½c; spring ducks, 14@15c; pigeons, squabs, $2.00@2.50 per dozen; old; $1.00; dressed poultry, 1@1½c higher.

CHEESE—Full cream, flats, triplets and daisies, 16c; Young Americans, 17c.

EGGS—Local best, 40c per dozen; eastern, 30@33c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

WOOL—1908—Willamette valley, 15c.

HOPS—1908 crop, choice, 7½@8c, prime to choice, 7@7½c; prime, 6@6½c; medium, 5@5½c lb.

TALLOW—Prime, per lb, 3@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

SHEEPSKINS — Shearing, 10@15c each; short wool, 25c@40c; medium wool, 50c@$1.00 each; long wool, 75c@$1.25 each.

MOHAIR—1908—Nominal, 18@19c.

CHITTAM BARK—Old, 4½@5c; new, 4½@5c lb.

HIDES—Dry hides, 15@16c lb; green, 8@9c lb; bulls, green salt, 5@6c lb; kips, 8@9c; calves, green, 12@13c per lb.

Grain, Flour and Hay.

BARLEY—Feed, $26.50@26.75; rolled, $28@29; brewing, $27.

WHEAT—Buying price, new—Track, Portland—Club, 91c; bluestem, 97c; fortyfold, 92c; red, 89c; Willamette valley, 91c.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price — Bran, $26.50; middlings, $33.00; shorts, $30.00; chop, $21.00@29.00; alfalfa meal, $18.00 per ton.

FLOUR—Selling price—Eastern Oregon patent, $5.00; straight, $4.05@4.75; export, $3.70; bakers,' $4.55@4.80; valley, $4.65; graham, ¼s, $4.40; whole wheat, $4.65; rye, 5s, $5.50; bales, $3.00.

HAY—Producers' price—New timothy, Willamette valley, fancy, $14.00@15.00; ordinary, $12.50@13; eastern Oregon, $16.50; mixed, $11.00@12.00; clover, $10.00; grain, $11.00; cheat, $11.00; alfalfa, $12@12.50.

OATS—Producers' price—Track, No. 1 white, $30.50@31.50; gray, $29.50@30.50.

Fruits and Vegetables.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, new navels, $2.00@3.25 per box; Japanese oranges 65c per box; bananas, 5c per lb; lemons, $3.25@5.00 box; grapefruit, $4.00@4.50; pineapples, Hawaiian, $2.50@3.00 doz; pears, $1.25; grapes, $1.00@1.25; huckleberries, 10@11c lb; cranberries, local, $11.50 bbl; eastern, $13.50@15.00.

POTATOES — New, selling, $1.00@1.10; buying for shipment per cwt., fancy, 80@90c; ordinary, 75@80c; sweet, $2; Early Rose, buying, $1.

ONIONS—New Oregon, $1.10@1.25 per 100; garlic, 7½@8c lb.

APLES—Good, $1@1.50; poor, 50@75c per box.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new Oregon, 75c@$1; beets $1@1.25; carrots, 50@75c sack; parsnips, 85c@1.00; cabbage, $1.50; tomatoes, California, $1.75@2 per crate; beans, 15c; cauliflower, $1.00; peas, 13c; horseradish, 6@8c lb; artichokes, 65@75c doz; green onions, 15c per doz; peppers, bell, 8c; Chile (—); head lettuce, 40c doz; hothouse, $1@1.25 box; radishes, 15c dozen bunches; celery, 40@85c; eggplant, 15c lb.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—Cube, $6.35; powdered, $6.70; fruit or berry, $5.95; dry granulated, $5.95; conf. A, $6.15; extra B, $5.45; Golden G, $5.75; D, yellow, $5.25; beet, granulated, $5.75; barrels, 15c; half barrels, 30c; boxes, 55c advance on sack basis.

(Above prices are 30 days net cash quotations.)

SALT—Coarse — Half ground, 100s, $11.00 per ton; 50s, $11.50; table, dairy, 50s, $16.50; 10s, $16.00; bales, $2.25; imported Liverpool, 50c $20.00; 100s, $19.00; 40s, $18.00; extra fine, barrels 2s, 5s and 10s, $4.50@5.50; Liverpool lump rock, $20.50 per ton.

RICE—Imperial Japan No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 5¼c; New Orleans, head, 6@6¾c; Ajax (—); Creole, 5¼c.

HONEY—New, 15c per lb.

BEANS—Small white, $5.25; large white, $4.50; pink, $3.85; bayou, $3.75; Limas, $5.75; Mexican reds, $4.75.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 13 lbs, 14½c per lb; breakfast bacon, 13@21½c lb; picnics, 10c lb; cottage roll, 11c lb; regular short clears, smoked, 13c lb; backs, heavy smoked, 12c lb; light, smoked, 12c lb; bellies, smoked, 15c lb; pickeled tongues, 60c each.

DRESSED MEATS—Front street — Hogs, fancy, 7@8c; ordinary, 6@7c; large, 6c; veal, extra, 9½c; ordinary, 9c; heavy, 8@8½c; mutton, fancy, 6@7c; spring lamb, 7@7½c lb.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 14c per lb; 5s, 14¼c per lb; 50 lb tins, 13¼c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 13c per lb; 5s, 13¼c per lb; compound, 10s, 8¾c per lb.

CLAMS—Hardshell, per box, $2.40; razor clams, $2.00 per box; 10c per doz.

FISH — Rock cod, 10c lb; flounders, 6c per lb; halibut, 7c per lb; striped bass, 15c per lb; catfish, 10c per lb; salmon, 7c per lb; herrings, 5c per lb; soles, 7c per lb; shrimp, 12½c per lb; perch, 6c per lb; tomcod, 10c per lb; lobsters, 25c per lb; fresh mackerel, (—) per lb; crawfish, 20c per dozen; sturgeon (—) per lb; black bass, 20c per lb; silver smelts, 6c per lb; black cod, 7½c per lb; crabs, $1.25@1.75 per dozen.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater Bay, per gallon, $2.50; per 100-lb sack, $5.00; Olympia, per gallon, $2.40; per 100-lb sack, $6.00@6.50; Eagle canned, 60c can, $7.00 dozen; eastern in shell, $1.75 per 100.

Paints, Coal, Oil, Etc.

ROPE—Manila, 9¾c; sisal, 7½c lb.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls, 58c; cases, 64c; boiled, bbls, 60c; cases, 66c a gal; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less; oil cake meal, $34 ton.

BENZINE—86 deg., cases, 19c per gal; iron bbls., 11½c per gal.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7½c per lb; 500-lb lots, 8c per lb; less lots, 8¼c per lb.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 55½c per gal.

WIRE NAILS—Present basis, $2.35.

HOOD RIVER STILL LEADS WORLD'S MARKET

By J. W. Dennis, of W. Dennis & Sons of Covent Garden market, London.

We have now seen the first arrival of Oregon Newtowns on this market and have to report, with much regret, that the quality of the fruit is inferior to what it has been in previous years. It may be, however, that the earlier arrivals are the greener fruit and that considerably better quality and color may be expected with subsequent arrivals. We sincerely hope this may be so, as the fruit we have seen does not stand out sufficiently to command the attention of the best trade. There have been on the market this week two or three thousand boxes of Hood River Newtowns, which were considerably finer fruit than that from your district, notwithstanding which, they were sold by our neighbors at the low price of from 9s to 12s per box, a price which in our opinion, was too low, but which has had the effect of attracting the buyers away from the lower quality Oregon fruit.

We are strongly of opinion that there is nothing to be gained by forcing sales, and we are therefore lying low and refraining from pushing out the stuff at a lower price than that which we think it ought to command. The trade for apples continues bad. Supplies up to now have constantly been in excess of the demand, and the market has never been clear. We cannot think that this can last much longer. Barrel apple stock, both in Ontario and America, is in much smaller supply than has been anticipated, whilst prices in New York and other American towns are such that we do not think it probable that much of that stock will be seen on this side of the water. This will drive the trade on to the boxed fruit and we expect therefore after the turn of the new year to see box fruit in much better demand. At present, California four tier fruit is being sold from 6s to 8s per box, the latter price being obtainable for only one mark which is in limited supply, the bulk being sold at from 6s 6d to 7s.

Pears are in very fair demand, one particular variety of Comice meeting with an excellent sale. We have today had a big lot of these Oregon Comice through our hands, and have sold at prices ranging from 16s to 21s per half box.

PRICE RECOVERY TOWARD CLOSING

Sharp Decline in Chicago Wheat Early—Good Crop News Is Bearish.

	Open.	Close.	Dec. 17.	Loss.
Dec.	100¼	100⅝	100⅝	—
May	105⅛	105⅞	105⅞	—
July	97½	97⅝A	97⅝	—
Sept.	94⅝	94⅝	95⅛	⅝

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The wheat trade showed no disposition to do much business today, and in consequence there was only a small spread for the session between the high and low quotations.

Crop news from home belts as well as from Europe are very encouraging for the yield, and Modern Miller of St. Louis is therefore quite bearish upon the price outlook. Cables from the Argentina continue to tell of most excellent harvest weather, and it begins to look as if the crop there will be fully taken care of before any trouble is encountered.

The situation as it stands today is on debatable ground, but owing to the closeness of the holidays neither side of the market was willing to become agressive. Foreign markets were depressed owing to the good crop reports, and after opening ⅛d lower Liverpool closed today with losses ranging from ⅛ to ⅜d.

Foreign weakness brought about a lower and weak opening here, December dropping ⅛c to $1.00¼; May was down ⅜c at $1.05¼; July, ¼c at 97½c, and September, ⅛c at 94⅝c. Late in the day the market strengthened considerably and all the losses in December, May and July were recovered, and they closed at the same prices as yesterday, but September continued weak with a net decline of ⅝c from yesterday.

Range of Chicago prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	105½	106	105¼	105⅞
July	97½	97⅞	97¼	97⅝A
Sept.	94⅝	95	94⅝	94¾
CORN.				
May	60⅛	60¾	60⅛	60⅝B
July	60⅝	60¾	60	60⅛B
Sept.	60⅝	60⅞	60	60¼A
OATS.				
May	51⅛	51⅝	50⅝	51 A
July	46⅝	46⅝	45⅝	45¾
Sept.	39¾	39¾	39½	39⅝
PORK.				
Jan.	1572	1575	1567	1570B
May	1602	1612	1602	1607
LARD.				
Jan.	915	920	915	915
May	935	940	935	937
July	....	....	....	950
RIBS.				
Jan.	812	817	812	815
May	842	850	842	847

Cold Helps Oranges.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 18.—Instead of being injured by the cold weather, the oranges in the foothill district have actually been improved and the fog is giving them fine color. Two thirds of the crop has been shipped. While the shipments are below the average in number, the oranges are larger and better in quality than ever before and are commanding big prices in the east.

SELECT QUALITY BEING SOUGHT

Market Good for Best Livestock for Holidays—Poor Stuff Is Easier.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Friday	96	120	940
Thursday	617	464	...
Wednesday	232	74	1,005
Tuesday	200	100	...
Monday	261	356	...
Saturday	68	27	400

Portland Union Stockyards, Dec. 18.—The great strength shown in the livestock market during the past few days is continued today and all values are held stiff.

One special feature of the trade at this time is the fact that while arrivals are small in most lines, low grade stuff is neglected in some instances to a considerable degree. While the market is firm at yesterday's advance of cattle of select quality, there is no rush at all to buy poor quality. Choice holiday cattle, stall fed and very fat, will readily bring the high values quoted at this time. At this time of the year there is usually a lull in the demand for poor quality for during the holidays the trade is always for the best that can possibly be produced.

Recent sale of choice steers at $4.65 in the yards has set the trade to talking of the probable height to which prices will soar when the time for advances really materializes.

Trade Wants Best Quality.

"There is a very good demand for select quality for the Christmas trade," says Lee M. Lacey of Hunt & Lacey today, "but I find less call for ordinary and poor quality than formerly. All good stuff is being readily taken up at the quotations listed, all lines being affected alike. The trade in sheep is showing no changed values, but at former prices the market is firmer."

"The market is very firm for livestock," says S. P. Gould of the Gould Commission company, "and top prices are still obtainable for best quality."

Firmness to Remain—Benson.

"The firmness and high prices in the cattle and hog market will in all probability remain," says Tom Benson of T. C. Benson & Son. "While it may be possible that owing to the holidays the tone in hogs will not be so active—that buyers will not purchase so freely—I hardly expect that lower prices will rule. Most of the sheep now coming forward are of poor quality and for this reason buyers are not willing to pay higher figures. The run of late has been better, too."

Today's arrivals of livestock compare with this day in recent years as follows:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
1908	56	120	...
1907	245	200	820
1906	155	50	200
1905	161	101	120

A year ago today cattle and hogs were firm, but sheep were disposed to show weakness. All prices unchanged.

Yards' Representative Prices.

Following prices are representative of late transactions in the yards and indicate the extent of the transactions with weight and prices paid for various grades and varieties:

	Weight.	Price.
HOGS.		
77 hogs	17,545	$6.25
73 hogs	13,970	6.25
30 hogs	6,450	6.15
CATTLE.		
1 bull	1,650	2.25
28 steers	29,360	4.60
2 steers	2,200	4.60
4 cows	4,120	3.25
SHEEP.		
200 lambs	21,965	4.75

Following is the general range of values on stock running in the yards for late shipments:

Hogs—Best east of mountains, $6.25@6.30; ordinary $6.00@6.10; blockers and china fats, $5.50@5.75; stockers and feeders, $5.00@5.50.

Cattle —Best steers, weighing 1200 pounds, $4.50@4.65; medium steers, $4.25; poor steers, $3.50; best cows, $3.25@3.50; medium cows, $2.75; stags, $2.75@3.00; bulls, $2.00@2.25.

Sheep—Best wethers, $4.50@4.75; ordinary wethers, $4.25@4.50; lambs, $4.50@5.00; straight ewes, $3.50; mixed lots, $4.00.

Veal — Choice young calves, $4.00@4.50; heavy and rough, $3.50@3.75.

BOSTON COPPER MARKET

(Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.)

Boston, Dec. 18.—Bid prices:

Adventure	8¾	Nev. Con.	18¼
Allouez	37	Newhouse	2¾
Arcadian	3	Nippissing	9¾
Atlantic	13¼	Old Dom.	55¼
Boston Con.	15½	Osceola	127
Butte Coala.	26½	Parrot	28¼
Col. & Ariz.	115	Quincy	93
Cal. & Hecla	660	Royale	22
Centennial	32	Shannon	16⅝
Cop. Mt.	38	Tamarack	78
Cop. Range	78⅝	Trinity	18¼
C. Ely	7⅝	United	13
Daly West	10	Utah Min.	44
Franklyn	15½	Victoria	3¼
Granby	104	Wolverine	148
Greene Can.	11½	Winona	6
Giroux	6	Yukon	4½
Mass.	5¾	Bay State G.	83
Mich.	60	U. S. Min.	43
Mohawk	67½	U. S. Oil	28¾
Miami	12¼		

PORTLAND PRODUCE RECEIPTS

The Portland Board of Trade furnishes the following list of produce arrivals for Portland during the 24 hours ending 11:30 a. m. today:

Apples, 412 boxes; grapes, 70 crates; pears, 10 boxes; celery, 2 crates; cabbage, 20 crates; potatoes, 216 sacks; sweet potatoes, 2 cars; onions, 14 sacks; onion sets, 49 sacks; tomatoes, 29 crates; velegtables, 13 baskets; butter, 97 boxes; eggs, 73 cases and 1 car; milk, 580 gallons; cream, 2799 gallons; clams, 17 boxes; crabs, 4 boxes; crawfish; 1 box; fish, 53 boxes; oysters, 79 boxes; turtles, 3 boxes, squabs, 1 box.

DRIFTING TONE IN STOCK LIST

New York Market Not Disposed to Do Much Either Way Before Holidays.

New York, Dec. 18.—The stock market drifted about almost lifelessly during most of today's session and but for the supporting orders in a few of the leading shares there would have been little incident to the trading.

The trade was inclined to be bearish most of the day, but toward the closing there was a slight improvement in the buying, which carried some of the issues higher. Just previous to the end of the session, however, there was a reaction and the improvement in most issues was lost.

Although predicted to show a rather bad statement there was considerable buying in United States Steel preferred and at the closing that security showed the only change of note in the entire list. The closing of the general list was mixed with most shares a fraction or two lower than yesterday.

The summary of the Wall Street Journal says today: Americans in London steady about parity. Public service commission refuses permission to the Delaware & Hudson to issue bonds for the purchase of trolley lines. Vanderbilt road officials consider the New York Central has seen the low point in earnings. Import copper interest meeting today. Austrian premier says there is no reason for disquiet on political situation. Chairman Gary of the steel trust will be heard before the tariff commission today. Steel statement for present year will show a shrinkage in earnings, tonnage, gross business and balance of new construction. Forty-one roads for the first week of December show an average gross increase of 11 per cent.

Range of New York prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Cop. Co.	78⅝	....	....	79
Am. Car & F., c.	45⅝	....	....	46
do pfd	....	....	....	107½
Am. Cot. Oil, c.	41¾	....	....	41¾
Am. Loco., c.	54⅝	....	....	54¼
Am. Sugar, c.	127½	....	....	128
Am. Smelt., c.	80	....	....	79¼
do pfd	100	....	....	99⅝
Anac. Min. Co.	47½	....	....	47¾
Am. Woolen, c.	27⅞	....	....	28
Atchison, c.	96	....	....	96⅛
do pfd	....	....	....	101⅝
Balt. & Ohio, c.	108⅝	....	....	109
do pfd	....	....	....	91½
Brook. Rap. Tr.	55⅞	....	....	58
Can. Pac., c.	175	....	....	175½
Cent. Lea., c.	29⅞	....	....	29⅞
do pfd	....	....	....	99
Chi. & G. W., c.	11⅛	....	....	11
Chi. M. & St. P.	147½	....	....	148¼
Chi. & N. W., c.	173½	....	....	176
Ches. & Ohio	55⅛	....	....	56¼
Col. F. & I., c.	37½	....	....	....
Colo. So., c.	55⅝	....	....	56⅞
do 2d pfd	69½	....	....	69¼
do 1st pfd	....	....	....	73
Corn Prod., c.	....	....	....	16¾
do pfd	....	....	....	72
Del. & Hudson	178½	....	....	178
D. & R. G. c.	35	....	....	35¾
do pfd	80¼	....	....	80½
Erie, c.	33⅜	....	....	33¼
do 2d pfd	38½	....	....	38
do 1st pfd	47¾	....	....	47¾
G. Northern, p.	143⅛	....	....	144
Ill. Central	145½	....	....	145
Inter. Met., c.	17	....	....	18¼
do pfd	41½	....	....	43⅝
L. & N.	131¾	....	....	131
Manhat. Ry.	....	....	....	149⅞
Mex. Cent. Ry.	19¼	....	....	19½
M. K. & T., c.	38⅜	....	....	38⅞
Distillers	35⅛	....	....	35¼
Ore Lands	72	....	....	71½
Mo. Pacific	60	....	....	63⅝
Nat'l. Lead	76¾	....	....	77
N. Y. C.	118¾	....	....	118⅝
N. Y., O. & W.	44¼	....	....	44½
N. & W., c.	....	....	....	83½
N. & W., p.	....	....	....	85
N. American	....	....	....	72¼
N. Pacific, c.	140	....	....	140½
P. M. S. S. Co.	33½	....	....	34
Pa. Ry.	128⅝	....	....	129
P. G., L. & C. Co.	100	....	....	100¼
P. Steel Car, c.	41	....	....	41
P. Steel Car, p.	....	....	....	99
Reading, c.	136½	....	....	139
Reading, 2d p.	....	....	....	92
Reading, 1st p.	....	....	....	91
R. Iron & Steel, c	25⅞	....	....	25¼
R. Iron & Steel, p	85⅝	....	....	85⅞
Rock Island, c.	22¾	....	....	22⅞
Rock Island, p.	58⅛	....	....	58½
St. L. & S. F., 2dp.	....	....	....	38¼
St. L. & S.F.1st.p.	....	....	....	60
St. L. & S. W., c.	....	....	....	22½
do pfd	....	....	....	52½
South. Pacific, c.	119	....	....	119⅝
do pfd	....	....	....	122¼
Southern Ry, c.	24⅝	....	....	24½
do pfd	58	....	....	58
Texas & Pacific.	32½	....	....	32
T., S. L. & W., c.	....	....	....	39¾
Union Pacific, c.	179¾	....	....	180⅛
Union Pacific, c.	119¾	....	....	180⅞
U. S. Rubber, c.	....	....	....	33
do pfd	105	....	....	105
U. S. Steel Co., c	53	53¾	52⅝	52⅞
do pfd	110⅝	....	....	111⅝
Wabash, c.	18⅝	....	....	19¼
do pfd	46	....	....	47⅛
W. U. Telegraph	67¼	....	....	66⅞
Wisconsin Cen., c	....	....	....	30½
do pfd	65⅜	....	....	65½
Wheeling Lake	....	....	....	10⅛
Westinghouse	87¼	....	....	86
Utah Copper	44½	....	....	44
Third Avenue	35¼	....	....	35¼

Utah Copper, ex-dividend, 50c.
Kansas City Sou. 37¼@37⅜.

News Gossip of Finance

Portland Banks.

Clearings today	$1,097,741.84
Year ago	595,269.26
Gain today	$ 502,472.08
Balances today	181,498.72
Year ago	54,285.42

Tacoma Banks.

Clearings today	$794,582
Balances today	65,113

Seattle Banks.

Clearings today	$1,624,471
Balances today	256,492

New York, Dec. 18.—Bar silver, 48⅝c; Mexican dollars, 45c.

New York, Dec. 18.—Government bonds:

	Date.	Bid.	Ask.
Twos, registered	1930	103	103½
do coupon	1930	104	.....
Threes, registered	1908	104¾	101½
do coupon	1908	100¾	101½
Threes, small bonds	....	100	.....
Fours, registered	1925	120¼	121½
do coupon	1925	102½	.....
Twos, Panama	....	102½	102¾
do coupon	....	102	.....
Fours, Philippine	....	110	.....

New York, Dec. 18.—Final lake, 14½@14⅝c; electrolytic, 14½@14⅝c; castings, 14¾@14⅛c.

Tin $29@29.37½.

Lead—$4.20@4.25.

London, Dec. 18.—Silver, 22⅞d.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Wheat:

	Open.	Close.
December	7s 11¼d	7s 11¼d
March	7s 7 d	7s 6¾d
May	7s 6⅛d	7s 5⅞d

ORIENT IS FULL OF OUR FLOUR

R. W. Spencer of Portland Flouring Mills Returns—Grain Market Holds.

In the Wheat Belt.

Oregon—Fair tonight and Saturday; easterly winds.

Washington — Fair tonight; colder northeast portion. Saturday fair except rain near coast. Easterly winds.

Idaho—Fair tonight; colder north and southwest portions. Saturday fair.

BOARD OF TRADE RECEIPTS.

	Wheat Cars.	Flour Sacks.	Barley Cars.	Oats Cars.	Hay Cars.
Friday	36	2,912	4	6	6
Thursday	49	7,800	8	3	12
Wednesday	4	3,000	5	6	5
Tuesday	26	1,500	2	..	6
Monday	67	8,300	13	1	9
Saturday	5	3,..5	2	3	5

While conditions of the general grain market are quite firm there was no change in values today either for spot or future deliveries. On the board of trade, while considerable interest was manifest in the market, quotations are the same as yesterday for all three grades.

While a considerable amount of flour is now coming forward from the interior there is little doing in the local market and the tone has taken on a holiday character throughout. Of the export trade there is nothing to say except perhaps that there is no export trade at this time in the flour market.

R. W. Spencer, oriental representative of the Portland Flouring Mills company, is in the city on his annual trip. Mr. Spencer was noncommittal upon the oriental trade and according to latest advices from both Japan and China there is little hope of any great volume of orders for our flour in the near future.

Cables from the orient state that the trade there has been filled to overflowing with flour previous to the last advance. This great quantity of flour was sent forward, it is stated, simply as a speculative measure because there was no business across the Pacific at any time during the past year to justify the huge shipments of late.

The only business of importance which really came on orders was the big shipment now going forward to Vladivostok.

The hay market is firmer but prices are as yet showing no change. Alfalfa is strongest of all because of the increasing demand for meal.

Board of trade prices today:

	Bid.	Ask.
CLUB WHEAT.		
December	91⅛	91⅞
January	91⅝	92½
NO. 1 WHITE OATS.		
December	1.60	1.62½
January	1.62½	1.63¾
NO. 1 FEED BARLEY.		
December	1.35	1.37½
January	1.37½	1.40

PRODUCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Eggs—Per dozen, California fresh, including cases, extras, 49c; firsts, 46c; seconds, 35c; thirds, 29c; California storage eggs, extra, 35c; firsts, 32½c; seconds, 26½c; eastern storage, extra, 30c; firsts, 28c; seconds, 26c.

Butter—Per pound, California fresh, extras, 32½c; firsts, 29c; seconds, 25c; thirds, 20c; pickled No. 1, 23½c; storage California, extras, 29c; packing No. 1, 12½c; ladles, extras, 23c.

New cheese—Per pound, California flats, fancy, 15c; firsts, 14c; seconds, 11½c; California Young America, fancy, 16½c; firsts, 16c; eastern New York cheddars, fancy, 17c; Oregon flats, fancy, 14c; do Young America, fancy, 16½c; California storage, fancy flats, 13c; Oregon flats, fancy, 14c; do Young America, 12c.

Potatoes—Per cental, river whites (sacks), fancy, 75@90c; poor, 50@75c; Salinas Burbanks, $1.25@1.50; Oregon Burbanks, $1.10@1.25; Early Rose (for seed), $1.25@1.30; sweet potatoes, per crate, $1.25@1.50; sacks, $1.00@1.25.

Onions—Per sack, 80@90c.

Oranges—Per box, navels, standard, $1.25@2.00; choice, $2.00@2.50; fancy, large size, $3.00@4.00; tangerines, crates, 75@95c; half orange boxes, $1.25@1.50.

SAN FRANCISCO GRAIN MARKET

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Merchants exchange quotations:

Cash wheat — Walla Walla, white, $1.67½; red Russian, $1.62; turkey red, $1.75; bluestem, $1.75.

Future wheat—May, $1.69 bid.

Cash barley — May, $1.45; brewing, $1.50.

Future barley — May, $1.42, $1.42½ asked; December, $1.41½.

Millstuffs—Bran, $29; middlings, $33; shorts, $32.

Oats—White, $1.75 per cental.

Eastern Livestock Markets.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Hogs, 28,000; cattle, 2500; sheep 10,000. Hogs are steady at last night's close. Cattle, strong; sheep, steady.

Kansas City, Dec. 18.—Hogs, 11,000; cattle, 2000; sheep, 2000.

Omaha, Dec. 18.—Hogs, 4300; cattle, 1000; sheep, 1000.

SELLWOOD ARTISANS VISIT OREGON CITY

Fifty Members Spend Pleasant Evening as Guests of Local Order —Banquet Served.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Oregon City, Dec. 18.—The regular business meeting of the United Artisans was held in Willamette hall last evening. About 50 members of the Sellwood lodge made a fraternal visit to the local organization and after the business meeting a sumptuous banquet was served.

Sues for Damages.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Oregon City, Dec. 18.—Mrs. S. B. Johnson of Damascus, commenced a suit in the justice's court, yesterday against Henry Kerstwing, for the recovery of $47, alleged damages for material and lumber of a building on her property, known as "bull barn." She alleges that in the fall of 1906 the defendant unlawfully tore down the barn and carried away the lumber, windows and doors.

Church About Completed.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Oregon City, Dec. 18.—Work continues on the new church at Jennings Lodge. Services will be held in the building next Sunday. A Christmas tree celebration will be held on the night of December 23, which will be the first entertainment of the kind in that growing town.

NO NEW TRACK IN OKLAHOMA

Ripley of Santa Fe Says Nothing Doing Till Constitution Is Changed.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 18.—No more tracks will be laid in Oklahoma by the Santa Fe railroad until the state constitution is modified and no longer requires separate incorporation of each line. This was the ultimatum issued today by President Ripley of the Santa Fe when he made public a letter sent to the Oklahoma Federation of Commercial clubs. In this communication Ripley says:

"This company had in contemplation the building of several hundred miles of railroad in Oklahoma, which was indefinitely postponed upon the adoption of your present state constitution and will remain so postponed until that constitution is modified.

"We already have considerable mileage in the state and if we build branches we should desire that they be in fact branches of our present line, but your constitution provides that if built they must be chartered as separate railroads under the laws of your state, which is entirely out of the question. Your laws also provide that even if a 20 or 30 mile branch is built it would have to be chartered as a separate corporation, with general offices and a full set of officers maintained within the state, which is a manifest absurdity.

"Oklahoma offers in certain sections what would be quite an attractive field for railroad building if the restraint of your constitution could be removed and if the disposition on the part of your state officers was to be fair toward the railroads, but under existing conditions it is quite impossible to do anything."

LENTS DEMANDS HEATED CARS

A complaint against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, signed by Ward B. Swope, president of the Lents Push club, has been filed with the state railway commission requesting the commissioners to take such action as necessary to compel the street railway company to provide cars on the Lents line with heating apparatus. Mr. Swope says that the Mount Scott and other citizens' associations are circulating petitions requesting the company to heat its suburban cars.

The complaint states that as a result of the cold cars in winter there is much sickness among the persons who have been compelled to ride on them. It is claimed several other of the suburban lines have heated cars. A hearing will be had before the commission some time in January.

The company recently issued an announcement that it did not intend to heat any of its cars on 5 cent fare lines.

PETRASSO'S WITNESSES TELL THEIR STORIES

Owing to the fact that nearly all the testimony in the case of Antonio Petrasso, charged with the murder of Vencenza Desantis, has to be submitted to the jury through an interpreter, the trial threatens to become long drawn out.

This morning the defense began the introduction of its testimony and placed witnesses on the stand for the purpose of weakening the testimony of the state's witnesses. It is claimed by the defense that a part of the evidence given by the witnesses for the prosecution at the trial is substantially different from the testimony they gave before the coroner at the inquest held over the body of the dead man.

Petrasso is said to have shot Desantis after a wedding feast, on the Patton road in South Portland and it is the allegation of the defense that the accused was drunk and not in his right mind at the time of the shooting. It is also alleged that the witnesses for the state were mistaken as regarding the exact location of the place where the shooting was done.

The case is on trial before Judge Morrow and will not in all probability go to the jury before tomorrow afternoon.

GILPIN PERJURY CASE DISMISSED

The perjury indictment of the government against Job Gilpin of Roseburg was dismissed by Judge Wolverton in the United States district court yesterday upon a motion of John McCourt, United States district attorney. Mr. McCourt stated that there was not sufficient evidence in the case at the hands of the officials to justify bringing Gilpin to trial. The indictment against Gilpin was returned at the same time the affairs of Kehlhagen and others of the Roseburg district were probed.

TRIAL OF KOREAN NEARS ITS END

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The trial of In Wang Chang, the Korean, charged with the murder of Durham White Stevens, the oriental diplomat, will probably be concluded tomorrow afternoon, when the case will be submitted to the jury. The defense is expected to place Chang himself on the stand in order to strengthen its contention that the young Korean made the attack on Stevens in a fit of "patriotic insanity."

ELECTRIC NOVELTY FIRM BURNED OUT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Alhambra, Cal., Dec. 18.—The plant of the Electric Heating & Manufacturing company was destroyed by fire early today. The loss is estimated from $30,000 to $50,000. Incendiarism is suspected. But $18,000 insurance was carried and C. A. Jaol held a mortgage on the building for $7500. The company was engaged in the manufacture of electric flatirons and novelties. The dies used in the company's business were valued at $20,000.

AGED MAN DIES ALONE AT NIGHT IN HIS BED

J. B. David, aged about 60 years, was found dead in his bed at 212 Seventh street this morning. David, about whom little is known, is believed to have succumbed to an attack of heart disease, which came without warning during the night. He had roomed in the house for more than a year. The coroner's office is making an investigation, but so far has not been able to find any indication of suicide.

THREE THROUGH TRAP AT ONCE

Negro, Filipino and Chinese Hanged for Murder at New Westminster.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 18.—Three murderers were executed at the New Westminster penitentiary this morning at a triple execution, unique in the annals of Canadian crime.

Jenkins, a negro, was convicted of the killing of Mrs. Morrison at Hazelmere. Circumstantial evidence and identification by the little daughter of the murdered woman, who was a witness of the crime, led to a verdict of guilty at the first trial. A second trial was ordered when the little girl identified another negro in the box as the murderer.

Pertella, the second man hanged, was a Filipino, who slashed away the life of a woman with whom he had been living on a sloop in Vancouver harbor. He remained unmoved to the last and smiled down on the husband of the murdered woman among the spectators as the noose was being drawn over his head.

A Chinaman was the third person to expiate his crime on the scaffold. Although he declared his innocence up to a few days ago, and after a second trial, he confessed the crime on Wednesday. On the scaffold he collapsed completely and had to be held up while Hangman Radcliffe adjusted the noose.

There were about 150 people present at the hanging and all the arrangements were carried out smoothly. The three men were shot into eternity at the same time. All being about the same height a drop of six feet, ten inches was given. Death was instantaneous in each case.

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